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Personnel Recovery Technology Working Group (PRTWG)

BACKGROUND: In the past, the personnel recovery community has been unable to identify or acquire force-multiplying technology because the ownership of the personnel recovery process is so dispersed within DoD. The Services have made minimal progress in modernizing systems that serve personnel recovery; primarily because they are rarely major acquisition items that are often dual-use and are not visible to the senior leadership. In order to address this challenge and to take advantage of off-the-shelf technologies, and technologies that, though not developed specifically for recovery, have significant applicability to the recovery function, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Advanced Systems and Concepts formed the PRTWG.

DISCUSSION: The PRTWG coordinates technological approaches to personnel recovery by providing the PRAG and other senior DoD officials with balanced insights into the most applicable technological approaches to the personnel recovery mission. The PRTWG's primary focus is the technological aspects of personnel recovery. The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Advanced Systems and Concepts under the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall chair the PRTWG.

Principals.

- DUSD for Advanced Systems and Concepts (chair)
- DASD for Prisoners of War and Missing Personnel Affairs
- DUSD for Science and Technology
- DUSD for Strategic and Tactical Systems
- Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
- ASD for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence
- Services and USSOCOM
- Director, US Coast Guard Operations Policy
- Joint Personnel Recovery Agency
- Unified Command Science and Technology Advisors
- Director, National Security Agency Research and Technology
- Director, National Reconnaissance Office Science and Technology
- Others as necessary, determined by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Advanced Systems and Concept